

Domestic Human Trafficking And Pimping

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Sex Trafficking Defined By Federal Law

- The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person forced to perform such an act is under the age of 18 years of age.
- Many victims of trafficking are exploited for purposes of commercial sex, including prostitution, stripping, pornography and live-sex shows.

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking in the U.S.

- 450,000 children run away from home each year.
- 1 out of every 3 teens on the street will be lured toward prostitution within 48 hours of leaving home.
- 150,000 children are lured into prostitution each year.³
- The average age of entry into pornography and prostitution in the U.S. is 12.

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4 From U.S. Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section
www.usdoj.gov/criminal/ceos/prostitution.html



Which Children are especially vulnerable to domestic minor sex trafficking?

- Homeless, run away or “unwanted” youth
- 2.8 million children live on the streets

Who Can Be A Pimp?

- Fathers
- Mothers
- Siblings
- Classmates
- Friends
- Strangers
- Gang Members & Associates

No Specific Requirements

- Sex
- Age
- Job
- Race
- Religion
- Ethnicity
- Financial Status
- Relationship to Victim

Gang Members

In the last two years, 25% of persons arrested for Pimping or Pandering by the San Diego Police Department have been associates or documented gang members.

Types of Pimps

Common Recruiting Locations

- MySpace & other social network sites
- Shopping Malls
- High School & Middle School
 - a. Walking to/from
 - b. On school grounds
- On the Streets (Tennis Shoe Pimpin')
- Bus, Train, Trolley Stations
- Parties

Methods of Control and Coercion

- Seduction Methods used to identify vulnerabilities
- Torture tactics to control their victims
- Obedience and exploitation
- Physical and psychological abuse
- Glamorization and cultural acceptance

Why don't they seek help?

- Captivity, confinement, and isolation
- Use and threats of violence
- Fear, shame, self-blame, and hopelessness
- Dependency

TATTOO'S

A FORM OF BRANDING TO SHOW
OWNERSHIP & CONTROL

The Impact

Mental & Physical Trauma

Sexual Abuse

Reproductive Health Issues

STD's

HIV

Drug & Alcohol Abuse

Dissociative Disorders

Self Destructive Behavior

Attempt Suicide

PTSD

Stockholm Syndrome

What are We Doing?

- Awareness Training For Professionals
- Collaboration with the Community
- Supporting Increased Sentencing (AB 918)
- Participants in SD Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force
- Participants in Innocence Lost Task Force

Strategies For The Future

- Long-Term / Short-Term Recovery and Treatment
- HT Awareness Training for Parents and Students
- Identify Prevention Strategies Based on Research
- Establish Standardized Protocol
- Identify Sources of Funding and Support
- Develop Human Trafficking Resource Guide



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